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SOUTH AFRICA FOR ITS INTRANSIGENCE ON NAMIBIA AND SIMILAR CIRITICISMS OF UK AND RHODESIAN REGIME FOR THEIR FAILURE TO HAND OVER POWER TO MAJORITY GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA; AND SAFISFACTIN WITH UNDP'S SUPPORT OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHILE STRESSING NEED FOR INCREASED SUPPORT. THIRTEEN-POINT DECISION EMBODYING THE TECHNICAL, BUT NOT GENERALLY THE POLITICAL, CONCERNS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. FRANCE MADE STATEMENT OF RESERVATION ON GROUNDS POLITICAL MATTERS DEALT WITH IN DECISION WERE BEYOND UNDP'S COMPETENCE. US ALSO MADE BRIEF STATEMENT FOR RECORD THAT DECISION'S ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS DOES NOT ALTER ANY PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED US POSITIONS ON LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN INTRODUCING ITEM, DOO KINGUE DESCRIBED STRENOUS EFFORTS HE HAS MADE PERSONALLY TO ASSIST AND ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND WITH AUTHORITIES IN FORMER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, NOTING THAT UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES ALREADY ASSIGNED TO GUINEA

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BISSAU, MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, MCBRADE, CRITICIZED SOUTH AFRICA FOR IGNORING UN DECISIONS, AND NEGLECTING EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEEDS OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. HE ASKED FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO UN INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA AND EXPRESSED HOPE INSTITUTE COULD BE CONVERTED AFTER FIVE YEARS TO NAMIBIA UNIVERSITY.

2. OAU SPOKESMAN CALLED FOR MORE ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND NEWLY LIBERATED TERRITORIES ASKING THAT POPULATION AND PER CAPI TA GNP RESOURCE ALLOCATION CRITERIA BE BROADENED TO PERMIT LARGER IPF'S FOR SUCH COUNTRIES. HE ALSO ASKED FOR LARGER IPF FOR NAMIBIA AND LED OFF WELL ORCHESTRATED ATTACK BY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND AFRICAN DELEGATES AGAINST UNDP'S CONTINUED USE OF NAME "FRENCH TERRITORY OF THE AFARS AND IAASSAS" INSTEAD OF TERM "FRENCH SOMALIALAND" OFR DJIBO UTI. FRENCH DELEGATION WITHDREW FROM HALL WHEN OAU DELEGATE BEGAN TO SPEAK AND DIDI NOT RETURN UNTIL CLOSE FO OF FLOOR DABATE.

3. REPRESENTATIVES OF 14 AFRICAN LIBERATIONS ALSO MADE INTERVENTIONS GENERALLY OF A POLITICAL CHARACTER ALTHOUGH MOST OF THEM ALSO DREW UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTENTION TO NEEF FOR GREATER INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THEIR MOVEMENTS TO MEET EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER NEDS OF PEOPLE THEY CLAIMED TO REPRESENT. MOST NOTABLE POLITICAL STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SEYCHELLES LIBRATION MOVEMENT WHO CALLED ON UI TO RETURN PRIOR TO GRANTING INDEPENDECNE THREE ISLANDS UK HAD "SLICED OFF FROM ARCHIPELAGO" IN 1960'S AND ON US NOT TO ESTABLISH BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA; AND BY SPOKEMAN FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF DJIBOUTI (MLD) WHO VIOLENTLY ATTACKED FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR "BRUTALLY REPRESS-

ING THE EXPRESSION OF DJIBOUTI PEOPLE'S WILL FOR INDEPENDENCE".

4. AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (ZIMBABWE) SPOKESMAN ALSO MADE STRONG POLITICAL INTERVENTION CASTIGATING SMITH REGIME FOR "MASSACRES" AND FOR NOT RELEASING DETAINEES AND NOT LIFTING DEATH SENTENCES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. HE ACCUSED US AND FRG OF GIVING ENCOURAGEMENT TO SMITH'S INTRANSIGENCE BY SUPPLYING MERCENARIES. SAID ONLY SOLUTION APPEARED TO BE UNIFYING ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (WHICH HAD BEEN DECIDED UPON) AND INTENSIFYING ARMED LIBERATION STRUGGLE. IN MORE MODERATE VEIN, HE SAID ANC STILL HOPING THAT UK WILL TRULY "DECIDE TO ABANDON COLONIALISM", BUT NOTED THAT IN ANY NEW TALKS SMITH REGIME CAN ONLY FUNCTION AS PART OF UK DELEGATION.

5. SWEDEN, NORWAY AND NETHERLANDS RECEIVED KUDOS FROM SOME LIBERATION MOVEMENT SPEAKERS AND AFRICAN DELEGATES FOR HAVING EXTENDED SUPPORT.

6. OVER HALF OF COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP INTERVENED IN DEBATE USUALLY ONLY TO WELCOME PRESENCE OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT GC, TO EXPRESS SATISFACTION OVER GROWING SUCCESS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND EMERGENCE OF FORMER PORTUGUESE AREAS TO NATIONHOOD, AND TO URGE INCREASED UNDP SUPPORT FOR THEM. USDEL (KITCHEN) MADE STATEMENT RECALLING HISTORY OF WARM US SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND WELCOMING EMERGENCE OF INDEPENDANT COUNTRIES IN EX-PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES. HE GAVE FULL SUPPORT TO CREATION OF PARTIAL IPF'S FOR 1977-1981 CYCLE TO TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENTS.

7. CHINA PRAISED THE SUCCESS OF "PROTRACTED ARMED STRUGGLE" OF AFRICAN PEOPLE, AND SAID IT WAS THE STRUGGLE NOT THE "SO-CALLED DETENTE" WHICH HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THIRD WORLD VICTORIES. CHINESE DELEGATE URGED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO VIGILANCE AGAINST ATTEMPT OF "CERTAIN SUPER POWER" TO WORK WAY INTO THEIR MOVEMENT FOR PURPOSE OF CAUSING DISUNITY.

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8. SOMALIA PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RELATIVELY INNOCUOUS DRAFT DECISION WHICH WOULD HAVE HAD GC "DECIDE" TO USE NOMENCLATURE OTHER THAN FRENCH TERRITORY OF AFARS AND ISSAS TO DESIGNATE DJIBOUTI BUT AGREED TO WITHDRAW AMENDMENT AFTER FRENCH CALL FOR VOTE AND APPEALS IN CORRIDOR AND BY NETHERLANDS IN PLENARY NOT TO PRESS ISSUE TO VOTE. SOMALI DELEGATE VOWED TO PURSUE MATTER WITH SYG AND GA AND INSERTED EXPRESSION OF SOMALIA'S VIEWS ON MATTER INTO RECORD. DECISION THEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WITH FRENCH AND US RESERVATIONS CITED ABOVE.
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